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Haili Key, 8, picks plumeria flowers from a tree for a lei-making class at Bellows Air Force Station. The plumeria is one of the more common flowers used to make leis. There are many variations of these fragrant blossoms. They can be found in all shapes, sizes and colors from small white and yellow flowers with gently rounded petals to large, dark maroon blossoms with tapered petals.

Scented tradition

The art of lei making is perpetuated at Bellows AFS

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When thinking of the tropical paradise of Hawaii, the first thing that comes to many people's minds are the beautiful leis that are often draped around the necks of tourists who visit the Aloha State.

Early Polynesian voyagers from Tahiti, introduced the Hawaiian Islands to leis, and the tradition was set from that time on. Leis are usually constructed of flowers, leaves, shells, seeds, nuts, feathers, and sometimes bones and teeth from various animals. Ancient Hawaiians would wear the leis to beautify themselves and distinguish themselves from others or present them to others in recognition of special occasions.

With the rise of tourism in the Hawaiian Islands, the lei soon became a

Right — A lei-maker pushes the needle directly through the center of the flower so as not to rip the blossom.



Brad Key, a Los Alamos, Calif. native, helps his 8-year-old daughter Haili string plumerias together at a lei-making class aboard Bellows Air Force Station. Key said this was their first attempt at making a lei.



Above — Participants of a lei-making class pick 40 to 50 plumeria blossoms that will be used to make their leis.

symbol of Hawaii for many visitors, worldwide. It is said that many visitors would toss their leis into the sea when leaving the islands in hopes that, like the lei, they would also return to the Hawaiian Islands one day.

It is also said that a person is always to accept a lei when given to them, as it is to be a celebration of one person's affection for another. A person is also not supposed to remove a lei in the presence of the one who gave it, as it is considered to be rude to do so.

There are many ways to construct a lei, and aboard Bellows Air Force Station, families

are welcome to come and experience the art of lei making, using the beautiful flowers found around Bellows Beach.

"I'm so glad to work with all of the different visiting people and share a bit of the Hawaiian culture with them," said Ramona Leilani, outdoor recreation for Turtle Cove. "This way, not only do I get to share the Hawaiian culture, but I get to experience so many different cultures of theirs."

Leilani has been teaching people how to make leis for about four months, but has been making them herself since she was 5 years old.

"I think the toughest part for people to grasp when starting out is threading the needle," said the Kailua native. "It's frustrating sometimes because if the needle slips between the threads, they have to start over again."

Leilani first takes the lei makers outside, where they pick their own plumeria flowers to use for their leis. Once 40 to 50 blossoms have been picked, they return to the lanai where they thread a needle and string enough plumerias together to create their lei. The finished lei is then theirs to keep.

"I heard about the lei-making class, and it sounded like a fun thing to do with my daughter," said Brad Key, a visitor from Los Alamos, Calif. "The instructor did a great job, and I would absolutely take my daughter to do this again. The smell of the flowers alone is enough to bring me back."

The lei-making class is available every Thursday and Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Turtle Cove lanai. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

For more information, call the Turtle Cove office at 259-4121 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or visit www.bellowsafs.com.

Haili Key wears the lei she made at a lei-making class at Bellows Air Force Station.



Hoopla offers alcohol-free alternative

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It's that time of year again at when the Single Marine & Sailor Program and Kahuna's Recreation Center celebrate the last days of summer. From Friday to Aug. 13, all E-5 and below, DoD equivalent-employees, and sponsored guests are invited to take part in a 24-Hour Hoopla.

This annual event, known in the past as the 48-Hour Hoopla, fosters alcohol-free entertainment for virtually 24 hours. You will find that this is an all-nighter worth pulling — given the varied activities that will be offered. There will be card tournaments, including Texas Hold'em; an Xbox Halo2 tournament; a pool tournament; and board games, not to mention plenty of pizza eating. Register Aug. 12 starting at 4 p.m. at the Kahuna's Recreation Center.

Alexis Swenson, Manager of the Recreation Center, where the Friday events will be held, notes that this is a significant event. According to Swenson the 24-Hour Hoopla is the one time each year that all activities are focused more on pure entertainment.

"We just received new PlayStation and Xbox games that folks can enjoy during the Hoopla, or at any other time," said Swenson. If a Marine or Sailor is new to the base and haven't been to the Rec Center, this is a great time to check out

what the center has to offer.

Once the sun comes out on Aug. 13, part two of the Hoopla begins. Drive out to Pyramid Rock for a Beach Bash. Unlike the rank restrictions at the Recreation Center, this event in not rank specific.

Starting officially at 10 a.m., volleyball, limbo and other games will be played and a barbecue lunch will be available to re-energize all participants. While this is the first time in which the Beach Bash has been affiliated with the Hoopla, it seems fitting that it provides an opportunity for those who spent all night indoors at the Rec Center to get some fresh air.

Gabby Black, Single Marine & Sailor Program coordinator, said he is looking forward to providing another opportunity for fun in the sun. SM&SP offers regular outdoor activities, and this event is true to their adventurous and sun-loving style.

"Not only is this a great opportunity for Marines and Sailors to have fun outdoors in an environment that does not promote alcohol, but, most importantly, it is a great opportunity to earn 101 Days of Summer points for your unit," said Black.

On Friday, units can earn up to 300 points for their participation in the activities or by volunteering to assist with the event. On Aug. 13, the Beach Bash offers the possibility for some to collect 200 per unit either for volun-



Photo Courtesy of Patti Lai

A 24-Hour Hoopla takes place on Friday and Aug. 13 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The Hoopla is an alcohol-free event that is focused on offering varied entertainment, indoors and out.

teering or for participation.

There will be an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Hoopla, at 4 p.m., to honor winners of the different events.

For more information or an explanation of points, call 254-7593.

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Possibilities in Paradise

Staff NCO Club 254-5481

Texas Hold 'em — It's back. If you're ready to fool everyone and you feel lucky, then head down to the club for an evening of bluffs, raises and folds. If you'd rather just deal, you're particularly welcome as dealers are always needed.

All players must sign in by 5:30 p.m. for the game to begin promptly at 6 p.m.

There is a \$5 buy in for members, \$8 for nonmembers. Random prizes will be available and lots of laughs are guaranteed.



Officers' Club 254-7650/7649

Seafood Buffet — For a unique dinner treat drop by the club and enjoy the seafood buffet, available only on the second Thursday of the month. The menu includes snow crab legs, carved black Angus prime rib, peel 'n' eat shrimp, south of the border ahi poke, and much more.

The buffet starts at 6 and ends at 8 p.m. Members pay \$23.50, non-members pay \$26.95.



All Hands

Program for Couples — A little marriage tune-up is good from time to time. Join the Chaplains' Religious Enrichment Operation for the Marriage Enrichment Training to be held today through Sunday.

This event, held at the K-Bay Cabanas, promises to rejuvenate any relationship and open communication channels for a better spiritual connection.

Call 257-1919 to sign up.

Reading Logs for the Summer Reading Program Due — The Base Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Program participants must turn in their reading logs by Saturday and, depending on their age group, will earn special awards.

Be a part of the Wrap-Up party at the end of the program and enter the book drawing.

For more information, contact the library at 254-7624.

Transition Assistance Management Program — Service members leaving the military are required to attend this briefing within six months of their end of service date. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

The Monday through Thursday sessions will take place at Building 279 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information, call 257-7790.

Registration Period for Free Tuition Courses — From Monday through Aug. 18, the Joint Education Center is offering the following tuition-free training for military and civilians.

General Education Development Preparation Course: Course runs from Sept. 12 through Nov. 21, Mondays

and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Building 219, Classroom 3 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Course attendance and successful General Equivalency Diploma test merits a Hawaii High School Diploma. Note that military personnel must have a High School diploma or GED to use Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

English as a Second Language Learners Level Two Course: Course runs from Aug. 29 to Nov. 9, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. noon in Building 219 aboard MCB Hawaii, K-Bay.

Beginning Typing Course: Runs from Aug. 29 to Nov. 9, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in Building 219, Classroom 3 at MCB Hawaii, K-Bay.

For more information on these courses, call 257-2158.

Last Day for Course Registration — If you are looking to take a second five-week on-base college course, you have until Tuesday to come the Joint Education Center to sign up for classes.

Both military and civilians are welcome to register for a part-time, full-time and evening course. Institutions currently accepting enrollees are: Chaminade University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hawaii Pacific University and Wayland Baptist University.

For more information, call 257-2158 or 477-0003.

Military Academic Skills Program — MASP is a Joint Education Center program that improves Armed Forces Classification Test scores. It will be offered to all military service members and civilians on a space available basis, Tuesday.

Through successful program com-

pletion and testing, Marines and Sailors can re-enlist and qualify for specialized schools. In some cases, Marines and Sailors are able to improve their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores and qualify for certain military occupational specialties not previously available to them. Two pretests are required.

For more information, call 257-2158.

PCS Move Workshop — This program is designed to give single and married service members and their families information, resources and tools needed to plan their permanent change of station move.

Presentations will include information from Traffic Management Office, Housing, Temporary Lodging Assistance, Finance Office, Personal Financial Counselor, Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator and Tricare as well as a Relocation and Anti-Terrorism Level 1 brief.

Service members do not need to have orders to attend this Wednesday class, but registration is necessary, due to limited seating. Attendance is mandatory for active duty Marine Corps personnel who are PCSing per Marine Corps Order 1320.11E.

To sign up or for more information, call 257-7790.

Newcomers Tour of the Island — For those new to Hawaii and Oahu, this is your perfect opportunity to leave the driving to someone else and be a sightseer once again, Friday.

Take a narrated tour of Oahu and see the most popular points of interest, which all locals know by now. This free, day-long tour will take you around the island beginning and ending at Personal Services in Building 216.

Remember to bring lunch and sun

protection.

Space is limited and reservations are required, so be sure to call 257-7790 to reserve your seat.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program — PREP is a communication and problem-solving skills workshop for married or engaged couples where they are taught constructive arguing, problem-solving skills and positive steps for preventing divorce and preserving a lasting love.

It will be held Aug. 13 at the Base Chapel in Building 1090, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Materials and lunch are provided at no charge.

To sign up, contact Chaplain Nazario at 257-3552, extension 23.

Summer Reading Program Wrap Up Party — It's time to earn your rewards for the volumes of stories read during summer. Come to the Base Library Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. to claim the rewards for your success.

Certificates will be awarded along with McDonald's rewards for all the little bookworms, including the little ones who were read to by their parents. There will also be drawings for free books.

For more information, call the library at 254-7624.

Ongoing

Wednesday Night Pool Tournaments — Are you a closet pool shark? If so, make Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill your destination for pool tourneys every Wednesday evening.

The games run from 7 to 11 p.m. There is a \$10 entry fee for these tournaments that are open to E-5 and below, DoD civilians and sponsored guests.

For more information, call the club at 254-7660.

SM&SP

All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in Building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at mccshawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon, or call 254-7593.

Dodge Ball Tournament: The Single Marine & Sailor Program never drops the ball on having fun, and August looks like no exception. In addition to its clubs and programs, the SM&SP will also be hosting a dodge ball tournament Aug. 26 at Camp H.M. Smith and Aug. 27 at Kaneohe Bay. The Camp Smith tournament runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camp Smith Gym, and the Kaneohe Bay tournament will be held at the Semper Fit Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Put together a six-person team and start practicing now. Both tournaments cost \$20 per team and are open to all eligible SM&SP patrons and invited staff noncommissioned officers.

The SM&SP is a highly energized program with a singular mission: to address and enhance the quality of life for single Marines and Sailors in a measurable manner. This is accomplished through six core components: quality of life, recreation, health and wellness, community involvement, life skills and career progression.

Auction

The auction will run from Monday through Aug. 22.

Automobiles	Year	Make	Model	Min. Bid	Remarks
	2000	Chevrolet	Malibu	\$3,500	Excellent Condition
	1988	BMW	750iL	\$1,500	Runs with few repairs, some body damage
	1973	VW	Convertible	\$200	Not running, needs repairs, some body damage
	1989	Jeep	Wrangler	\$1,100	Runs, needs tune up, has gas leak near gas tank, needs some body work
	1969	Lincoln	Continental Suicide	\$500	Runs, bad transmission, electrical problems.
	1989	Chevrolet	Camaro RS	\$500	Runs, needs tlc
	1989	Ford	Probe	\$300	Runs, needs tune up, has good body
	1990	Chevrolet	Beretta	\$50	Runs, needs lots of tlc

For more automobile information, call 254-7674, or e-mail carl.Cabrera@usmc-mccs.org.

Boats	Length	Make	Model	Min. bid	Location
	19 ft.	West Wight	Potter	\$750	Located in spot 80 at dry storage in the Base Marina

For more boat information, call 254-7666 or e-mail neil.morgan@usmc-mccs.org.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults, 12 and older, \$3; children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office.

Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with video or picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For more information, contact the Base Theater at 254-7641.

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (PG)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
The Honeymooners (PG-13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Cinderella Man (PG-13)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (PG)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
SNEAK PREVIEW (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The Perfect Man (PG)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
The Honeymooners (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Personality Features

Marine Corps proves to be perfect fit for radio chief

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Combat Correspondent

After serving 10 years in the United States Marine Corps and taking part in two combat deployments, Staff Sgt. Joshua Baeza, battalion radio chief, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, said he is not ready to give up the Marine Corps.

“I plan on making this a full career,” said the Pico Rivera, Calif. native. “I love leading Marines, and I’m going to continue doing that until I retire.”

Baeza was first inspired to join the Marine Corps when his father took him each year to watch the El Toro Air Show aboard Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif.

“I was in love with the jet airplanes and had always thought about joining the Marine Corps after seeing the shows,” said the 30-year-old. “I guess it was one of those things that was always meant to be.”

After graduating from El Rancho High School, Baeza was employed at a beverage company, but said he wasn’t satisfied with where his life was heading and wanted to do something more.

“I was only 18 and had a child, already,” said Baeza. “I knew I had to do something to take care of my family. The military had always been there in the back of my mind, so this was the time to do it.”

Baeza’s parents backed him up 100 percent when he told them of his decision to join the Marine Corps. He went to the recruiter to get

information, and he was instantly hooked.

“I joined on an open contract,” said Baeza. “My first MOS was a bulk-fuel specialist. I did that for my first four years, but I wanted to move to a job that I knew could help me in the long run, so I moved to satellite communication as a sergeant.”

As a hobby, Baeza likes to work with personal computers and plans to head in that direction once he retires from the Corps. He said that the communications field would be an interesting line of work.

Baeza and his Marines currently provide communication and support to three firing batteries, Alpha, Bravo and Charlie, 1/12. They also support the ground infantry that sends rounds downrange and work together on other tasks in order to complete their assigned missions.

The Marines of Charlie Battery, along with Baeza, recently returned from Iraq where they deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). While there, he and 18 of his Marines aided 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during the overtaking of Fallujah.

“During our time in Iraq, our main responsibility there was to support and maintain the artillery and infantry tactics in the city,” explained Baeza. “This was my second tour in Iraq. To see the way the Marines reacted over there was really motivating to me. To see the way

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Staff Sgt. Joshua Baeza, battalion radio chief, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, stands in front of his place of work. The 10-year Marine Corps veteran said he plans to make the Corps his career.

Sailor expresses gratitude for opportunity in Navy

Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

“My father, who also was in the Navy, had a huge influence on my decision to join the Navy,” said Dentalman Joseph P. Kirk, a dental technician assigned to the 21st Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, home based in Okinawa, Japan. “It also gave me many opportunities and gave me a chance to travel and see the world.”

Kirk, 26, attended Easter Illinois University for two years and studied physical education, before joining the Navy.

“I used to really want to be a P.E. teacher for high school students,” Kirk admitted. “When I do get out of the Navy, I plan on going back and finishing my schooling — maybe take administration classes.”

Kirk, a Mattoon, Ill. native, said he didn’t realize he wanted to be a dental technician until he graduated from the Navy’s Dental Technician “A” School in Wichita Falls, Texas, and actually got to the job and started working.

“I didn’t have my mind set on the job or anything, but the job did sound interesting,” said Kirk. “There are a lot of requirements I have to keep up with, like a lot of knowledge online courses. Plus, there are always opportunities to go through more courses.”

Kirk has not been on any deployments but said he thinks that if it came down to being deployed, he could get the job done.

“It would be tough leaving my family, especially now that my daughter was just born,” said the father of 8-week-old Marah Kirk. “But it’s my job and there is always the possibility of being deployed — when being stationed with Marines — that’s what I’m here for.”

Kirk is currently working toward obtaining a Fleet Marine Force pin. The pin is presented to those who successfully complete a course of instruction that culminates with participants taking and passing a written test and an oral board before being certified.

“To get the pin, I’ve had to get signatures saying I’ve completed many tasks from Marine Corps history to drill,” said the motivated dental technician. “I had to learn a lot of the things Marines learn in boot camp. When I get all of my signatures and finish all of the requirements, I have to stand in front of a board to tell what all I have learned.”

Senior Chief Petty Officer Elmer M. Esmeralda, senior enlisted leader, 21st Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, said for being such a young Sailor, Kirk knows as much as Sailors with more time in grade.



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Dentalman Joseph P. Kirk, dental technician, 21st Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, is surrounded by the tools of his trade at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dental Clinic. Kirk said the job he chose in the Navy will provide good opportunities for him once his Navy career is over.

“Kirk always does it right the first time and is highly professional at his job,” said Esmeralda. “The reason for this is because he is very dedicated and loves the work that he does.”

Kirk said his job has been amazing and that he never expected it to be as enjoyable as it is. Not only is he more than satisfied with being stationed in Hawaii, he said the hours he works — from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — allow him to stay in shape.

“There’s really nothing bad about this job. I get to wake up, physical train and go to work. Plus, the hours I do work are awesome, so I’ve got no complaints,” said Kirk. “Not to mention, it makes me feel really good go know I’m serving my country and helping Marines and Sailors who put themselves in harms way to protect our freedoms.”

Kirk said he thought about being a fire-fighter because of the physical activities it entails, but is glad that he chose the career path that he did.

“I’m glad Sailors like Kirk are going to be taking over my job in the future,” said Kirk’s senior enlisted leader. “I’ll be sitting in an armed forces retirement home and won’t worry about the Navy because of Sailors like him.”

Snoop brings house down at concert

Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldridge
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — It was a blast-packed weekend when Bodog.net, the first online gaming brand in the U.S., came to the shores of Hawaii to hold a concert, July 23, at the Waikiki Shell as part of the celebrity “Bodog Salutes Our Troops” charity event for the 110,000 men and women of the U.S. military stationed in Hawaii.

All proceeds from the events benefited the Fisher House Foundation.

Fisher House provides military families with comfort homes on the grounds of major military medical centers enabling them to be close to their loved ones during hospitalization.

During the concert, Calvin Ayre, founder and chief executive officer of Bodog.net; and Shannon Elizabeth, actress from “American Pie;” presented a \$50,000 check to Avila Porter, the manager of the Fisher House Foundation at Tripler Army Medical Center.

“Bodog Salutes Our Troops, is an opportunity to give something back to the men and women who have



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Service members and their families enjoyed a blast-packed weekend during Bodog.net’s concert at the Waikiki Shell as part of Bodog’s charity event held for Hawaii’s military.

risked their lives in the interest of protecting our freedom. Giving these troops a little entertainment and leisure time is the least we can do for their sacrifices,” said Ayre.

We are thrilled to be involved with Fisher House Foundation, a charity that truly supports troops in their time of need.”

Prior to the concert, Wanda Sykes, Colin Quinn and Paul Rodriguez pro-

vided the comic relief for the night. Rock musicians Bif Naked then gave a wild performance, prepping the crowd for headliner, rap artist Snoop Dogg.

“The concert was a success, compared to all the concerts I have attended since being in the military. This was one concert that the celebrities gave you what you asked for,” said Sgt. Kelvin Jones, account analyst assigned to U.S Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

“While stationed in Okinawa, we had DMX come out, and he did about five short songs and left. Snoop Dogg did a lot of songs and vibed with the crowd, which made the show worthwhile,” he continued. “Enjoying the event with other service members is

always a plus and so is the morale.”

The \$50,000 check from Bodog.net will help Fisher House Foundation be that much more effective in their services to the troops of Hawaii.

“We are incredibly grateful to

Bodog.net for their compassion and generosity,” said James D. Weiskopf, vice president of Fisher House Foundation. “We hope that this weekend brings added attention to Fisher House and the families we support.”



Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldridge

Snoop Dogg and other entertainers such as Wanda Sykes, Colin Quinn, Paul Rodriguez and Bif Naked flew out to entertain a packed house filled with service members and their families when Bodog.net held a free concert, July 23, at the Waikiki Shell, designating all proceeds to benefit the Fisher House Foundation.

Word to Pass

Duke’s Jams Through August with “Concerts on the Beach”

This month, the palm trees on Waikiki Beach will be swaying to island rhythms as Duke’s Waikiki continues its free “Concerts on the Beach.” Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday visitors and residents alike will enjoy a feast for the ears as well as the mouth, with local flavors being served up from 4 to 6 p.m.

The concert line-up for is as follows: Maunalua tonight, Friday, Aug. 19, 26; Kapena on Saturday, Aug. 20 and 27; Pacific Blu on Sunday, Aug. 14; Sean Naauao Quartet on Aug. 13, Aug. 28; Inoa Ole on Aug. 21.

In addition, Jonah Cummings continues to perform at the Barefoot Bar Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. Guests can also catch him from 10 p.m. to midnight Monday through Wednesday. Haumea Warrington also performs at the restaurant from 10 p.m. to midnight Thursday through Sunday.

Validated parking is available at

Ohana East Hotel, 2375 Kuhio Avenue.

For dining reservations or more information, call 922-2268.

Young Artists to Help to Benefit Creative Art Program

A unique benefit entitled “Young Artists Helping Young Artists” takes place Aug. 17 in Compadres Bar & Grill in Ward Centre as a group of volunteer students assemble a wide array of works for sale to benefit the Louis Vuitton Creative Art Program at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.

Led by Natalie Parker, the benefit party and sale is from 5 to 8 p.m., with heavy pupus and no host drinks part of the \$25 per person event.

Tickets are available at Compadres at the Ward Centre, Rehabilitation Foundation at 226 Kuakini Street or checks payable to the Rehabilitation Hospital may be sent to 3864 Owena Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815. For information, visit YoungArtistsEvent@hotmail.com, or call 591-8307.

Hawaii Opera Theatre Presents “The Telephone and the Medium”

The Golden Key Opera Company’s presentation of Menotti’s “The Telephone and the Medium” will appear at the Hawaii Theatre, today and Saturday at 8 p.m. Co-produced and featuring Leslie Goldman, Manhattan School of Music graduate and Honolulu native with credits at Interlochen, Chautauqua and in San Francisco and New York.

Tickets are \$25 and \$35 at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, with discounts for students, seniors, military, Hawaii Theatre Center and HOT members.

For more details, call 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

Camp Mokuleia Opens to Drumming Enthusiasts

Camp Mokuleia on the North Shore will reverberate with the joyful sounds of drumming and percussion as hundreds of hand-drumming enthusiasts from

around the world join in rhythm to celebrate Hawaii’s 10th Annual Inter-Island Community Drum Circle at Camp Mokuleia from 2 to 5 p.m.

The festivities are free and will be led by internationally renowned group-drumming facilitator Arthur Hull.

Beginners, professionals, teachers and families are welcome to bring drums and percussion instruments and join in an afternoon of community building and fun. More than 400 people participated in last year’s event, and this year promises to be even larger.

For more information, call (831) 458-1946 or e-mail outreach@drumcircle.com.

Camp Mokuleia is located at 68-729 Farrington Highway, near Waialua.

Sigur Ros Kicks Off Tour

Acclaimed Icelandic band kicks off its U.S. and Canadian tour, with opening act Amina String Quartet, Hawaii Theatre, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$27.50 at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office.

For more information, call 528-0506 or log on to www.hawaiitheatre.com.

Listen to Rhythms of India

For an evening of classical Indian music and dance, LOTUS presents the 11th annual cultural program “Rhythms of India — III,” at the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Campus Center ballroom, Aug. 13, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Artists who have traveled from India for the event include Subhajyoti Guha, a tabla player who has won awards in the percussion instrument; Alokparna Guha, an accomplished performer of Kathak, a North Indian classical dance; and Kankana Banerjee, a vocalist who made her debut in Hindustani classical music at 14.

General admission is \$20 and \$15 for students and children. For early passes, call 395-7914, 625-9844 or 946-2020.

ON THE MENU

AT ANDERSON HALL

Today <i>Lunch</i> Soups w/Crackers Pepper Steak Southern Fried Catfish Rice Pilaf Potatoes Au Gratin Glazed Carrots Simmered Black-Eyed Peas Sugar Cookies Fruit Pies <i>Dinner</i> Roast Turkey Beef Pot Pie Mashed Potatoes Buttered Egg Noodles Calico Corn Simmered Broccoli Sugar Cookies Fruit Pies Saturday <i>Brunch/Dinner</i> Soup w/Crackers Baked Lasagna Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti Noodles	Marinara Sauce Italian Mixed Vegetables Simmered Peas and Carrots Pizza Sliced Garlic Bread Marble Cake w/Chocolate Icing Fruit Pies Sunday <i>Brunch/Dinner</i> Barbecue Beef Cubes Baked Turkey and Noodles Steamed Rice Ginger Molasses Cookies Spice Cake w/Butter Cream Frosting Monday <i>Lunch</i> Meat Loaf Pork Ham Roast Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Simmered Peas French Fried Cauliflower	Chocolate Chip Cookies Fruit Pies <i>Dinner</i> Beef Brogul Fresh Baked Cajun Fish Mashed Potatoes Rice Pilaf Club Spinach Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Chip Cookies Fruit Pies Tuesday <i>Lunch</i> Simmered Corned Beef w/Mustard Sauce Honey Glazed Cornish Hens Parsley Buttered Potatoes Egg Noodles Fried Cabbage Peanut Butter Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting Fruit Pies	<i>Dinner</i> Turkey Pot Pie Sweet and Sour Pork Steamed Rice Jefferson Noodles Simmered Pinto Beans Peanut Butter Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting Fruit Pies Wednesday <i>Lunch</i> Pork Adobo Beef Yakisoba Pork Fried Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Oatmeal Cookies Strawberry Shortcake Fruit Pies <i>Dinner</i> Steak Smothered w/Onions Southern Fried Catfish Mashed Potatoes Baked Macaroni and Cheese Oatmeal Cookies	Strawberry Shortcake Fruit Pies Thursday <i>Lunch</i> Turkey À La King Beef Porcupines Mashed Potatoes Boiled Egg Noodles French Fried Okra Marble Cake w/Chocolate Frosting Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Fruit Pies <i>Dinner</i> Braised Liver w/Onions El Rancho Stew Honey Ginger Chicken Rice Pilaf Boiled Egg Noodles Marble Cake w/Chocolate Frosting Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Fruit Pies
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all of them could grow and adapt from a garrison environment to full-fledged combat was great.”

To keep his Marines motivated in Iraq, Baeza would remind them of what they were fighting for and what they would be returning back home to.

“It was really tough for some of them over there,” said Baeza. “But they pulled through well and did their jobs.”

Baeza said that his experience in the war zone has given him a different outlook on life.

“I know the first mission of the Marine Corps is to accomplish the mission,” said Baeza. “But I will always consider taking care of my Marines the first mission. I know with having a family, I want to see my little girls grow up and get married one day, and I want the same opportunity for the other Marines and their families.”

Baeza's wife Maria, and his daughters Amanda, 12, and Savannah, 6, have always been supportive in everything Baeza has done in the Corps. His wife is an active volunteer in the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Key Volunteers program and has made the sacrifices that come along with being a military spouse.

“My wife has been through two deployments with me already,” said Baeza. “She’s a veteran herself.”

At the end of his career, Baeza said he plans on attending college to study communications, with funding provided by the GI bill.

As for advice to junior Marines, Baeza said, “Just stay motivated. That’s what’s going to carry you through. Keep a positive outlook and keep pushing forward; that will get you to success.”

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